

Man rose and woman fell. Man developed muscle, but woman began to develop spirituality. Battle fields and not tribunals arbitrated.

America, the child of peace, was born of Europe and inherited strength. Ignorance has weakened it. Now it awaits God's next gift which will strengthen its weakness. Capabilities of man over woman have never been disputed. Man has earned the laurels that crown his brow, but he cannot go much farther alone.

Even though woman has not appeared much in public life, she need not be ashamed of her past history. There have been heroines as well as heroes in all countries. Jeanne d'Arc, of France, Queen Victoria, of England, and Harriet Beecher Stow, of America, all attest woman's power and ability in all of life's affairs. Every moral question of the present day is championed by woman. Woman, in the past, has been unprepared for great actions in public life, but now, having adapted herself to circumstances, she steps forth and is ready to take up any line of work. Society demands woman's work, for it has dethroned the omnipotent king and worships the goddess of earth. Education and purity should be the standard in social life; the literature of the age should be fought against. Welcome Christ in society and in the home; hail the day when woman will tear down the motto, "Wealth rules here." With wealth and strength united, prosperity will rule the land and blessed will be the nation that reaches its eternal home, guided by the helping hand of woman.

Miss Gadd's peroration was quiet flowery, but her gestures were graceful and well timed. She held the attention of the audience throughout. She spoke a little too fast, perhaps, but sustained her tones very well.

The next orator was A. Turner, of Wesleyan. Mr. Turner had been sick and he did not look well when he arose to speak. His delivery was earnest and deliberate, but his gestures somewhat awkward. "Freedom

and Thought" was Mr. Turner's text. Freedom is a priceless heritage. It does not mean that man shall act contrary to the will of society. It must be obtained though princes and potentates fall. The mind of the thinker can enter the political arena and solve the most knotty problems. Higher aspirations are the fruit of an enfranchised mind inspired by a holy purpose. Humanity cannot arise from the dark vistas to the dawn of a new day unless that which throttles freedom and thought is itself throttled. Freedom and thought broke the shackles of slaves, and it also built up the New South in co-operation with the North. Europe, freed, has produced Chaucer, Bacon, Shakespeare and others. From the cavalier and Puritan has sprung the true American. How much the words, "Institutions of learning," mean to us. They furnish the means by which freedom and thought may be attained. The higher the development of freedom and of thought, the greater happiness we will inherit, both in this world and in the world to come.

Mr. T. E. Wing, of the N. S. U., then came forward to speak on "Patriotism and Brotherhood." In THE HESPERIAN for February 15th we printed this oration, so we will not give a synopsis of it here. There is no doubt that we were confident Mr. Wing would win, and when he came forward to speak, our hopes even raised, if that were possible. Mr. Wing did well in the local contest, but in this one he did much better. His articulation, pronunciation and accent were splendid. His position on the stage was not quite as graceful as it might have been, and Mr. Wing moved about considerably while speaking, but the earnestness of his delivery drew the attention of the audience from the mechanical part to the thought. When Mr. Wing ceased speaking, he was cheered to the echo, and no one doubted he was the winner.

Mr. Frank Dean, of Doane, was the only victim left. His subject was "A Case in Equity." When called upon, he addressed the chair as the court and the audience as